Replacement of wooden sleepers on railway track

331. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of wooden sleepers replaced on railway tracks by monoblock concrete sleepers;

(b) whether Government propose to replace the wooden sleepers in the North-East Frontier Railways; and

(c) if not, what is the percentage of loss of forest wealth accounted for by this continued use of wooden sleepers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Use of monoblock concrete sleepers in tracks is being progessively increased and requirement of wooden sleepers reduced. Percentage of intake of wooden sleepers for Broad Gauge to the total number of sleepers in 1984-85 has decreased by 14 per cent approx, compared to corresponding figures of 1979-80.

(b) Yes, Sir. A concrete sleeper factory is proposed to be set up shortly on this Railway.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation against attitude of the Member of the Central Board of film censor

332. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any representation from the film Chamber of Commerce and the representatives of the Film Producers regarding the attitude of the members of the Central Board of Film Censor in the country especially in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They have alleged that the censors delay the issue of certificates and that the censor guidelines are not interpreted uniformly in all cases.

Arrears due from different countries to Indian ports

333. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of arrears due from different countries to Indian ports for berthing the ships in the dockyard port-wise; and

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to recover the amount from those countries, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The services to vessels owned by foreign countries are provided on the strenth of applications made by local steamer/shipping agents and these agents are liable to pay port charges. Calcutta Port Trust have reported that approximately Rs. 44.30 lakhs are due as arrears in respect of 11 foreign flag vessels. Further suits have also been filed in 4 cases against the local agents for recovery of the dues amounting to Rs. 6.50 lakhs. Bombay Port have reported that an amount of Rs. 68,981.19 is due in respect of the naval vessels of other countries to whom services were rendered on advice of the Indian Navy who pay the charges on receipt of remittances from the foreign Governments. Other ports have not reported any cases of arrears due from foreign vessels.

Fulfilment of family planning targets during the Sixth Five Year Plan

334. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets set-up for the Sixth Plan in respect of Family planning have been achieved;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor